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1. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, WE HAVE DISCUSSED MEETING DATES FOR S&T SUBCOMMISSION WITH NAG CHAUDHURI AND OFFICIALS OF THE DOST (DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY), AS WELL AS WITH TEJA AT MEA. WE HAVE SUGGESTED DATES (REFTELS C & D) OF SEPTEMBER 15-16. NAG CHAUDHURI HAS MENTIONED ALTERNATE DATES OF SEPTEMBER 18-19.

2. DOST HAS ASKED ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES TO HAVE COMPLETE DETAILED COPIES OF INDIAN RESEARCH PROPOSALS (REFTEL E) TO DOST BY AUGUST 14 FOR TRANSMITTAL TO INDIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. PROPOSALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO STATE, OES, FOR US REACTION WHEN RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON. THIS SEEMS A REASONABLE TIME LIMITE FOR US REVIEW AND DISCUSSION BEFORE PROPOSED S&T SUBCOMMISSION MEETING IN MID-SEPTEMBER IN NEW DELHI. HOWEVER, THE KEY PROBLEM IS WHETHER PROPOSALS WILL BE READY FOR US REVIEW BY AUGUST 15.

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3. WE DO NOT SEE ANY COMPELLING REASON TO HAVE S&T MEETING BEFORE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, ESPECIALLY IF INDIAN PROPOSALS ARE NOT READY ON TIME. SOME FORM OF ASSURANCE THAT JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS WILL BE PROTECTED IN THE FUTURE FROM LEFTIST AND OTHER ATTACKS, CAN BE A PART OF THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING BUT THIS COULD BE WORKED OUT WITHOUT A SUBCOMMISSION MEETING IN ADVANCE.

4. OUR CONCERN IS THAT WE NOT GIVE THE FALSE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE OVERLY EAGER. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND WE WAIT FOR ANOTHER WEEK OR SO TO SEE IF THE GOI IS READY. IF SO, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESOLVE MINOR TIMING DIFFICULTIES. IF NOT, LET'S WAIT EVEN IF IT MEANS DELAYING THE SUBCOMMISSION UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 3. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS COURSE OF ACTION ARE REQUESTED.
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